

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-4 from prosecution in the present application, without prejudice.

Please amend original claim 5 as follows to become claim 1:

1.[5.] (Amended) A multi-mode hand covering for a person, comprising:  
an elongate tubular portion having an inner space, [and] a hand insertion end into  
which a person's hand may be inserted and a forward terminal end;  
an opening in said terminal end through which said person's hand may be passed;  
a palm side of said tube corresponding to a palm of said inserted hand;  
a back side of said tube corresponding to a back side of said inserted hand;  
a thumb enclosure extending outwardly from the palm side and communicating with  
said inner space for enclosing said person's thumb; and  
a pocket extending generally from said terminal end to a pocket opening generally  
spanning said palm side proximate said thumb enclosure;  
wherein said pocket is operable between a palm position wherein said terminal end  
opening is open to the atmosphere for passage of said [a] person's hand  
therethrough for exposure thereof, and a back position covering said  
terminal end opening whereby said hand is fully covered.

Please enter the following claims 2-13, all of which are dependent upon elected claim 5  
(now renumbered as claim 1).

2. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
said hand covering is convertible from a hand exposure mode to a hand covered  
mode by inverting said pocket.
3. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
said thumb enclosure is configured to projectingly hold said person's thumb  
without inverting said pocket to a hand covered mode, whereby said thumb  
enclosure limits general exposure to said person's fingertips while covering  
upper hand portions and upper finger portions.
4. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein  
said thumb enclosure is foldable within said pocket when not in use.

5. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, further comprising a thumb hole through said hand covering at an intermediate location whereby said person's thumb is exposable independently of said fingers.
6. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a wrist opening of one of a glove and mitten.
7. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 6, wherein said wrist opening has folded panel ends and further comprising a cinch cord generally contained within said folded panel ends.
8. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form finger portions for separately enclosing each said finger.
9. (New claim). A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form at least one finger portion for enclosing at least two fingers.
10. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand covering comprises panels of a shell type material enclosing panels of insulative fleece type material.
11. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 10, wherein said shell type material comprises a GORTEX® fabric.
12. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises an arm of an upper body garment.
13. (New claim) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a garment arm which is selectively detachable and attachable to an upper body garment.

A CLEAN VERSION of the elected claim and dependent claims is attached, with original claim 5 amended and renumbered as claim 1. Newly presented claims are numbered 2 through 13. These claims replace pages 17, 18 and 19 of the application as filed.